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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy
The Personal Representative
of the President on N.I.A.

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Special Working Fund
for the Central Intelligence Group

REFERENCE: Minutes of N.I.A. 4th Meeting

ENCLOSURE: Draft Letter to the Secretary of the Treasury and the
Comptroller General from the Secretaries of State,
War, and the Navy.

1. At the fourth meeting of the National Intelligence Authority, the Secretary of State undertook to discuss with the Bureau of the Budget the solution of the problems mentioned at that meeting by General Vandenberg. One of these problems was to devise a means whereby any funds made available for C.I.G. activities authorized by N.I.A. will be transferred by the State, War, and Navy Departments to the Director of Central Intelligence, and expended under the supervision of the N.I.A. by him without the cumbersome and duplicative administrative procedures now required.

2. The Secretary of State discussed this matter with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and personnel from the Central Intelligence Group subsequently explored the problem in detail with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget, the Treasury Department, and the General Accounting Office. The Bureau of the Budget and the Treasury Department have definitely indicated a willingness to cooperate, and the General Accounting Office has promised to give the matter sympathetic consideration. All three agencies have indicated that the transmittal of the enclosed letter is now in order, and that it will be considered expeditiously.

3. It is therefore recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve the transmittal of the enclosed letter, and that it be signed by the Cabinet members as indicated therein.

Signed

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Director of Central Intelligence

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